

REMARKS

The application is to be amended as previously set forth in an effort to conform more closely to U.S. practice. All amendments and claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Generally, the amendments remove multiple dependencies from the claims, clarify language, and reduce the number of independent claims. The amendments are not considered to surrender any scope of any claim as originally filed, and no new matter has been added.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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